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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE ORPHANS
REF: NAHA 151 (NOTAL)
1. NEIGHBORS AID TO ASIA(NATA) VICE PRESIDENT ROMANS AND HIS
FATHER-IN-LAW NATA PRESIDENT REVEREND CHESNUT INFORMED
CONGEN APRIL 15 THAT NATA IS NOW WORKING ON BRINGING 50
ORPHANS TO OKINAWA FOR ADOPTION BY U.S. FORCES FAMILIES HERE.

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ROMANS SAID PRESS STORY RE CAMBODIAN BABY-LIFT (REFTEL)
BROUGHT SOME 200 APPLICATIONS FROM PROSPECTIVE PARENTS.
REOMANS SAID A MRS. HARMAN, ONE OF PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE
PARENTS HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MS. JUANITA NOFFLET, SOCIAL
WELFARE ADVISER, USAID SAIGON, WHO SAYS SHE HAS ORPHANS
AVAILABLE FROM ORPHANAGES IN SAIGON AND IS WORKING ON
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ARRANGEMENTS TO GET THEM TO OKINAWA IN " TWO OR THREE DAYS".

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ROMANS SAID HE "MIGHT" USE WORLD AIRWAYS TO TRANSPORT ORPHANS
EITHER TO KADENA AIR BASE OR NAHA CIVIL AIRPORT VIA CLARK
FIELD, BUT INDICATED HE THOUGHT MS. NOFFLET WAS ARRANGING THIS.
2. CONGEN TELEPHONED INS DISTRICK DIRECTOR PRICE, CURRENTLY AT
AMEMBASSY TOKYO, WHO INFORMED US THAT PRESENT GOJ POLICY IS NOT
RPT NOT TO PERMIT ENTRY OF REFUGEES OR ORPHANS TO JAPAN. SUCH
PERSONS ARE PERMITTED TO TRANSIT JAPAN ONLY IF THEY HAVE ON-
GOING RESERVATIONS AND ASSURANCE OF ENTRY INTO ANOTHER COUNTRY.
APPEARS MOST UNLIKELY NATA SPONSORED ORPHANS WOULD BE
PERMITTED BY GOJ TO REMAIN IN OKINAWA FOR ADOPTION BY
AMERICAN PARENTS. PRICE MENTIONED HE HAS HAD PREVIOUS
EXPERIENCE WITH CHESNUT WHO IS WELL MEANT BUT NOT WELL

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ORGANIZED.
3. CONGEN HAS ADVISED ROMANS AND CHESNUT TO CALL INS
DIRECTOR PRICE IN TOKYO REGARDING QUESTIONS OF ENTRY OF
CHILDREN INTO JAPAN AND EVENTUALLY INTO U.S. WE HAVE ALSO
ADVISED THEM NOT RPT NOT TO PUBLICIZE EFFORT TO BRING ORPHANS
HERE, IN VIEW PROBLEMS IN CARRYING THIS OUT AND POSSIBLE
LOCAL LEFTIST CONDEMNATION OF ALLEGED AMERICAN EFFORT TO
CARRY OFF INDOCHINESE CHILDREN. HOWEVER, IN VIEW PREVIOUS
NATA CONTACT WITH STARS AND STRIPES, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THIS
ADVICE WILL BE FOLLOWED. ROMANS ALSO INDICATED PREVIOUSLY
THAT SENATOR HENRY BELLMAN INTERESTED IN INSURING FULL
COOPERATION OF USG WITH NATA.
4. ACTION REQUESTED: A) DEPT PLEASE ADVISE ON BONA FIDES OF
NATA, WHOSE HOME OFFICE LOCATED IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74105,
AS ADOPTION AGENCY. ROMANS SAID NATA WILL CHARGE FROM
$300 TO $500 PER CHILD FOR ADOPTION IN OKINAWA AND CHARGES
$1250 TO $1500 PER CHILD FOR ADOPTION IN U.S. ROMANS AND CHESNUT
HAVE MORE THE AIR OF PROSPEROUS SALESMEN THAN NON-PROFIT
SOCIAL WORKERS. B) DEPT PLEASE ADVISE U.S. POSITION IF ANY
RE ADOPTION OF INDOCHINESE ORPHANS BY U.S. FORCES PERSONNEL

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IN OKINAWA. C) USAID PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFO THAT MAY
BE AVAILABLE ON THIS CASE.
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